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Wrestlers place second, qualify nine for NCAA meet

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At the National Dual Tournament, UNO beat Augustana 20-18. In last weekend's dual rematch, the Vikings beat the Mavericks 20-19. Sunday, Augustana had the NCAA wrestling North Regional all-but-won, lost it and won it again setting the stage for the NCAA tournament.

Scoring errors throughout the tournament led to confusion during the final two bouts of Sunday night's finals. Augustana was announced with a 97-94 lead during the 197-pound final. After Augustana's top-ranked Tim Boldt (197 pounds) lost a 9-4 decision, he threw a temper tantrum on the mat. After he ripped his arm away from the official and threw his warm-ups in rage, one official appeared to call for a one team-point deduction for unsportsmanlike

conduct.

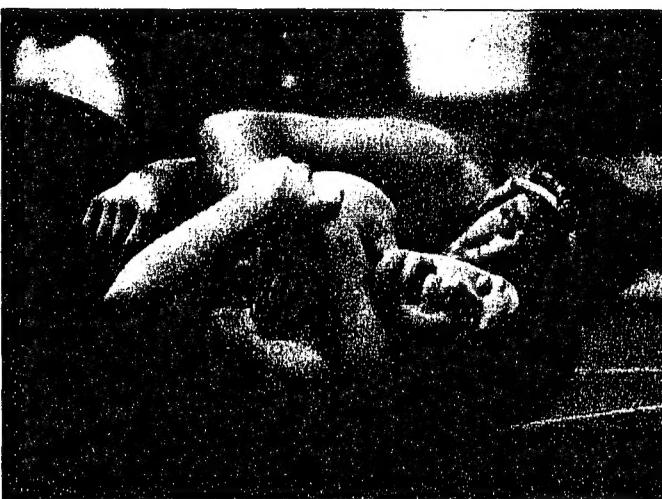
So, when UNO's Les Sigman won his match by 6-2 decision, the Mavs should have won the team race 97-96. When the scorer's table corrected the score, Augustana was given the win 109-99.

Augustana qualified its entire 10-man roster for nationals Sunday while the Mavericks qualified nine.

"I was proud of our guys overall," said UNO Head Coach

Mike Denney. "I think we wrestled pretty well. We drew a bye with Les, which hurt us. It came down to pins and getting one other guy in."

Each team had seven wrestlers in the finals, and the championship round resembled the previous two dual meets of the season. There were four head-to-head match-ups in the finals, and each of the other six finals had either a Maverick or Viking in the match.



J. Parker Adair

Les Sigman gets nearfall points during his heavyweight semifinal bout. Sigman won the match, and went on to win the championship.



J. Parker Adair

Eli Dominguez won the 141-pound title Sunday.

Service Learning Academy brings students and faculty into the community with special projects

ELIZABETH BOSCARDIN
STAFF WRITER

College is a means of removing students from the pressures and influences of the actual world, so they can focus on pure studies and receive an outsider's perspective on life.

While this idealism sometimes allows students to form their own opinions regarding their personal outlook on the world, it could also present a false pretense of the actual workings of the world.

The world does not always follow all of the trends and laws that students so diligently learn in their classes.

At UNO, there is a program that introduces students to the reality of life, even of ways of life very different to the student's background. The Service Learning Academy at UNO merges classroom study with service and experience in society.

Faculty members within the SLA design courses that integrate and involve the student with the community as well as teach skills and principles needed in different fields. A fairly all-inclusive program, the

classes range from social work to computer programming.

The founder and director of the SLA, Marilyn Leach, retired last June. Since then, the university has not appointed a distinct, permanent director for this program. Co-interim directors Nora Bacon and Paul Sather have led and developed the program since.

SLA began in 1999 with a Nebraska grant and now the Office of Academic Affairs supports it while donors also provide funds. Students and faculty of UNO must continue to support this program, if the university is to continue with its assistance and nurturing.

Bacon emphasizes its importance.

"Service learning is a priority for the university because service learning advances all three of the university's strategic planning goals," she said.

Not only beneficial to the students taking these classes, the SLA greatly impacts the community. Organizations such as the American Cancer Society, Juan Diego Center, MAT, and even Wells Fargo are among the over a hundred groups involved in this

community outreach.

The SLA also accentuates the scope of the experience of faculty members. In January a group of professors from a very broad background participated in a study in South Omaha.

They were integrated into organizations there and attempted to develop a sense of the history and attitude of the current residents. These faculty members encountered a much poorer quality of life than the one in which most currently live.

These faculty members will now be better able to design SLA classes focusing on this community for the next few years.

Those students interested in service learning programs but unable to enroll for these classes due to scheduling conflicts or whatnot, can also participate in SLA. This year, over spring break, March 12 through March 19, SLA is hosting a Seven Days of Service, in which participating members will rehabilitate houses in the Omaha area.

The program is still looking for participants. To register, E-mail 7days@hunet.net noting the day or days of service desired.

Awards to honor women of color

TANIA PARKER
STAFF WRITER

What are you willing to risk to accomplish your dreams?

The recipients of the 2005 Women of Color Awards are women who made great strides to do what they love while making great contributions to our community. These women will be honored at this year's Third Annual Women of Color Awards Luncheon to be held March 3 at Holiday Inn Central.

The 2005 Women of Color Award recipients are: Kim Whiteside for arts and humanities, Jamie Gutierrez Vela for business/entrepreneurship, Karen Tibbs-Nnawulezi for community service, Carol Mitchell for education, and Gretchen Gonzales for youth leadership.

The awards are held in March to commemorate Women's History Month.

Women of Color Awards consultant, Mary Mudd, said the program was started after meeting with Shari Clarke of the president's office and other UNO staff members. They wanted to find a way to impact the lives of minority women in Omaha.

"We found that there were a number of outstanding minority women who have done and are doing outstanding work in the state's largest metropolitan area, Omaha," Mudd said.

Despite their efforts, it took almost a year to get the Women of Color Awards off the ground. Many of these women remain on the planning committee today.

The Women of Color Awards committee initially received support from former University of Nebraska President L. Dennis Smith in the amount of \$10,000, which they had to match in order to initiate the program's first year.

The committee was able to get additional sponsorship from State Farm Insurance and ConAgra Foods. Mudd said the committee continued to seek co-sponsors to help defray the cost of the program. This year, Pfizer and Mutual of Omaha have joined the list of sponsors.

Mudd said when choosing keynote speakers it is important that they are from various ethnic groups. Previous years have included African American and Latino speakers. This year's speaker is Amy Mossell, a Native American, world recognized Sacagawea Scholar. Her presence is very appropriate as it is the two-hundredth anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

The honorees of this event were chosen after being nominated by members of the Omaha community.

During the first week of November around 900 applications were sent to businesses and individuals so they would have the opportunity to choose who they thought the next Women of Color Award recipients should

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News Briefs

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UNO Americans for Informed Democracy to host first Town Hall Meeting

The UNO Americans for Informed Democracy will host its first town hall meeting Friday. The event, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 6 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center Dodge Room. The topic is "The Future of U.S. Foreign Relations with Africa: The Millennium Development Goals."

Poker Walk/Run winners announced

The results of the Campus Recreation and Wellness Stampede's 2005 Poker Walk/Run are as follows:

First place: Joe Valentine
Cards: Four 8's; Ace high

Second place: Diane Mills
Cards: Three 6's; King high
Third place: Gary Wirsig
Cards: Three 6's; Eight high

Department of history to host annual Missouri Valley History Conference

The UNO department of history will host the 48th Annual Missouri Valley History Conference this Thursday through Saturday at the Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Omaha.

A number of UNO faculty will serve as chairs or presenters for conference sessions.

The luncheon speaker schedule is as follows:

Thursday, March 3
1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

R. Alton Lee, University of South Dakota, emeritus
" [Not] a Thin Dime": Kansas Relied Politics During the New Deal."

Friday, March 3

1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Leslie Schwalm, University of Iowa

"Freedom Was All They Had": Civil Rights in the Age of Emancipation"

Exhibits from book companies and regional historical museums and societies will be on display at the conference.

Pre-registration is until March 2, and costs \$45. Registration at the door is \$55. Registration is free to all students with a valid ID. For more information, contact Tom Buchanan, conference coordinator, at 554-4826.

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be.

Award winners are chosen based on the categories of arts and humanities, business and entrepreneurship, education, youth leadership, and community service.

Kim Whiteside is an author who took a chance by quitting her full-time job as a trainer to pursue her dreams. She has written over nine romance novels for Black Entertainment Television and Genesis Press. Her books have been chosen as Black Expressions Book Club selections.

Jamie Gutierrez Vela is the president and owner of Midwest Maintenance Company, Inc. Gutierrez co-founded

the United Latino Endowment which provides college scholarships to Latinos, and the Creighton University Student Association.

Karen Tibbs-Nnawulezi is the director of the Office of Black Catholic Ministries. She has developed a number of outreach programs including the "Rise n' Shine" for African American youth.

Carol Mitchell is a scientist and educator. She has impacted the local, regional, and national education community through her work as co-principal investigator of the Banneker Partnership.

Youth leadership award recipient

Gretchen Gonzales is a sophomore majoring in Computer Engineering at the Peter Kiewit Institute at UNO. She taught the basics of flight to young people and developed hands on projects for youth groups while interning at the Strategic Air and Space Museum.

All of these women are extraordinary, and exemplify the greatness that the Omaha community has to offer. Mudd said these awards give an opportunity to recognize women of color making valuable contributions to our community that would otherwise not be recognized.

"They're not heroes, they're sheroes," Mudd said.

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they needed to push me hard in practice everyday (to get me ready). They did a good job of that."

Eli Dominguez won at 141-pound title. Patrick Allibone won 8-1 in a head-to-head match with Augustana's Austin Scarst.

J.D. Naig won by medical forfeit at 165 when Cody Henriksen refused to wrestle Naig, a tactic Henriksen has used against

Dustin Tovar (125) and Shane Unger (149) each finished second to Augustana wrestlers. Steve Conlin (174) took third. Ben Strandberg finished fourth at 197.

IUNO was 5-3 against Augustana in head-to-head matches during the tournament. That is good news to a team that knows what it takes to win nationals.

"They've got to line up and do it

again. We've got to line up and do it again," Denney said.

UNO has six All-Americans leading the way.

"We've just got to keep wrestling like we're wrestling," Denney said. "If we keep wrestling like we're wrestling then we are going to be just fine."

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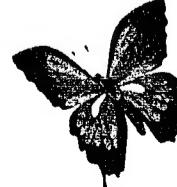
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You're finally engaged, now what? tips before you walk down the aisle

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Part One

The event that you've been dreaming about has finally taken place. The big question has finally been popped. Now that you've shown off the rings to all your family and friends, it's time to start the planning. Hopefully I can help you relieve some of that stress that comes with planning a wedding.

The first thing I would recommend to do is log on to www.theknot.com. I have found this Web site to be extremely helpful as I have been trying to plan my wedding. It's full of useful tips and links to everything you can imagine that is associated to weddings. It also has local message boards where you can find out information on local vendors and share or get ideas. A new feature that has just been added is Knot TV, a 24-hour live stream video where you can

view real weddings and see fashion runway shows. The best part of the Knot is it's free. It even allows you to create your own wedding Web site, that allows you to announce your engagement and as details unfold, you can also list information on your big day. I will warn you though, this site can become addicting.

The first step to planning your wedding would be to consider what kind of wedding you want. Do you want a small, private wedding with very close family and friends? Do you want a romantic beach wedding? Do you want a huge wedding where the whole city is invited? Once you figured out the type of wedding you want, there are three things you need to do.

First, you need to pick a date. This was the easiest step for me, since I knew I wanted a summer wedding. The one thing

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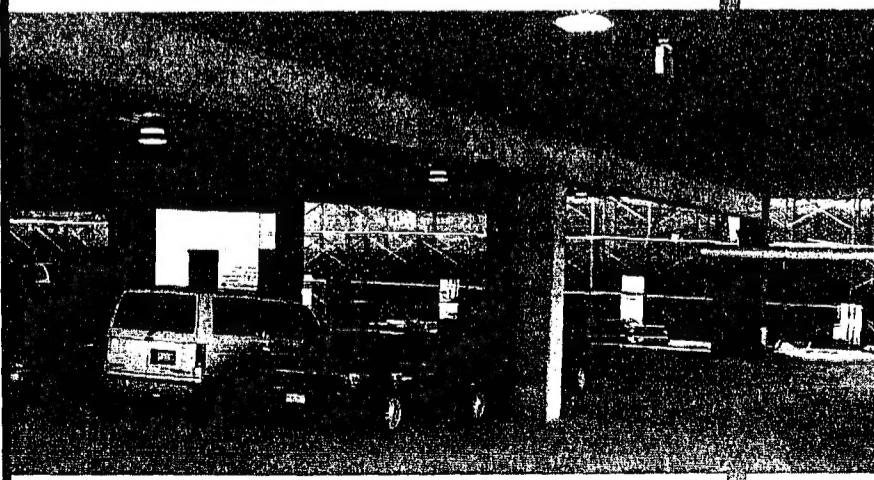


Munira Amini

Roudabak Mahjoob looks at the selection of wedding cakes at the Hy-Vee on 78th and Cass.

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Accessorizing the new living accessory: Where to pamper your precious pooch

Tinkerbell, Bit-Bit, Daisy. Celebrity pets' names are almost as well known as the celebrities themselves. As one of the hottest accessories in Hollywood right now, dogs themselves are being accessorized excessively.

Pampered pets are the new spoiled kids for many, with doggie day cares popping up on every corner and listings in the yellow pages for puppy poopie removal.

Whatever happened to having a scrappy outdoor dog or a simple feline friend? Hollywood's spin on pet care and animal keeping has the whole country snatching up Louis Vuitton pet carriers (and countless knock-offs) like there's no tomorrow.

What is one to do if they have a little prince or princess freezing his or her little tail off right here in Nebraska? Try warming up at a doggie salon, or dress them for the weather in a cute little sweater - or mini Harley leather jacket, depending on the look you're going for. Omaha has a pretty healthy pet economy, so you won't have any trouble finding ways to pamper your pup.

If you are gone a lot of the time, or if you plan on leaving town for a few days, you may want to check into a dog daycare or boarding house. These range from your basic kennel, to virtual dog hotel rooms, complete with TVs in every room (where my little Taffeta James spent a week).

The Nebraska Humane Society in town has a daycare called Bone Jour where people leave their dogs for the day. The staff provides exercise, treats and playtime for the dogs. There is even a hierarchy like with

Real Fashion



Alex May

children, the dominant dogs leading the running bunches of rascals around the place while the cowardly little ones shake in the corner. Bone Jour provides boarding in addition to day care, so you can leave your little one with an expert should you leave town.

If your little stinker needs a good grooming, check out Pucci's dog salon. They returned my Sophia to me smelling like a daisy and with a handkerchief around her little neck. PetSmart also provides pet grooming in addition to oodles of animal supplies.

Love the dog, but hate the turds stacking up in your yard that you inevitably step on whenever you are out there to throw the Frisbee around? There is a bunch of dog waste-removal companies that would love to take care of that for you, like Monarch K-9 Waste Removal. You can also buy a pooper scooper tool at the pet store and get'er done yourself.

Popular stores are getting in on pet style, too. You can now buy pet accessories through Gap, both online and in stores. Department stores carry pet carriers and charms for pet collars. There are even pet strollers now, though I don't see the point of pushing your pet in a cart for a "walk." There are countless Web sites devoted to dog and cat friendly items, including pet nail-polish and doggie Uggs. www.louisdog.com features cashmere sweaters and more - nothing but the best for your little one, right?

Considering all the unconditional love you get from your pet, don't you think you could give something back? (Other than room and board and vaccinations and bones and ...).

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Josh Bashara | Entertainment Editor

Local, regional emcees brace for Battle at Fort Omaha next month

KELSEY ZACH
STAFF WRITER

Most people enjoy breaking the monotony with music on typical drive home. They turn on the radio, trying six different stations for at least five minutes before finding a song worth listening too. By then, the song is likely near the end, and the search starts over again. Calling into stations and requesting a song rarely works either.

It is usually hours before that song ever hits the airwaves. By then, the driver is either out of range or back in the car on a new destination.

J. Stephen's Music may have the solution for those who have ever felt like having a say in what music should and shouldn't be played. In March, the label will kick off its upcoming Battle at Fort Omaha, an old-school battle and live hip-hop show where public opinion will play a huge factor in the outcome of the event.

The Battle at Fort Omaha is an attempt to bring 32 of the Midwest's best emcees together for competition. Already, there has been interest shown from musicians as far as Springfield, Mo., Des Moines, Iowa and Rapid City, S.D.

Emcees will be selected from a panel of judges from the surrounding areas. Live auditions will be held at Elks Lodge on March 27. The judges will look for stage presence, delivery and essentially, the whole package. J. Stephens is also currently accepting demo tapes and CDs. The deadline



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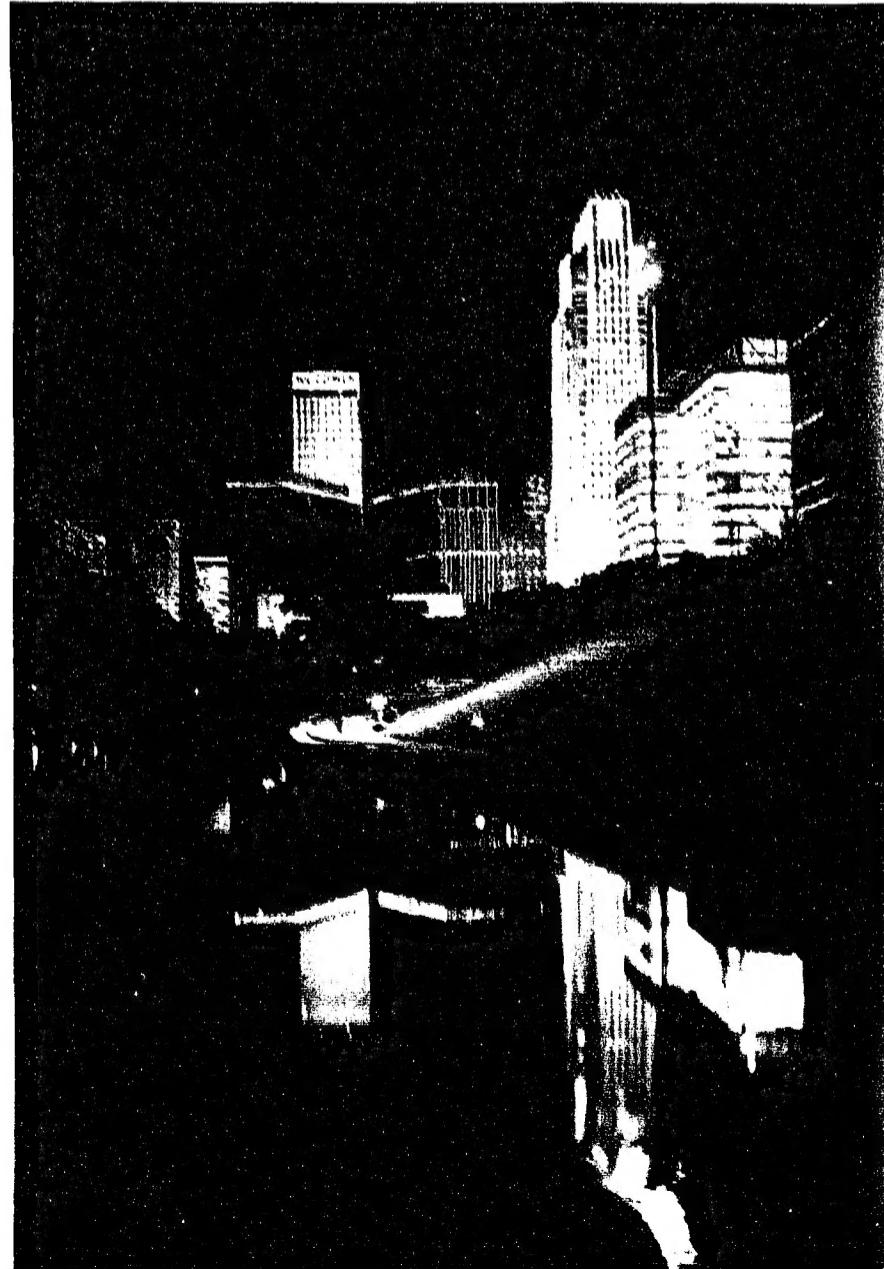
for these submissions is April 4. J. Stephens will go into production a week or two after that when the top 32 are decided, and in July or August, a CD with 16 tracks will be released. Each track will feature two emcees battling it out. With the release of the CD, the public has the opportunity to vote for its favorite musician on each track.

Voting can be done either by casting a vote online at www.jstephensmusic.com or by calling your vote in at 551-5575. A third option is to fill out the reply card that will be included with the CDs and mail it to J. Stephens Music. Voters will have approximately six months after the CD's release to make their decisions and cast their votes.

The initial vote will cut the competition in half, narrowing it to 16 emcees. These 16 will advance to a live show, where they will face off in eight battles, judged by the audience. (Think *8 Mile*.) These eight winners move on to the speed round, where again, half are cut out and four advance to the final round. The final two will "Battle

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Because of this, the sound hasn't picked



O! stands for zero drum and bass

Through tracks such as Prodigy's "Charly" and Urban Hype's "Trip To Trumpton," the early-90s hardcore scene in the UK came into the limelight from the underground rave scene. From there, happy hardcore and drum and bass music were born. As many music critics would say, drum and bass is the most progressive genre of electronic music. Starting off with a simple sped-up hip-hop beat and a heavy bass line, drum and bass has blossomed through the past decade into dozens of subgenres. Whether it's the mellow and ambient feel of atmospheric or mean and lean sounds of techstep, drum and bass displays an array of different emotional appeal all within the 160-plus BPM range.

Through the rave cultural movement that swept throughout the western world, the sounds of drum and bass made its way to the Midwest. If the Omaha music scene pinpointed the most notorious figure in importing drum and bass, the undisputed answer would be Tommie Emmie. Commonly known by his former DJ name, Kaoss (recently changed to Plan 9), Emmie has kept his musical vision strong despite the hardships of trying to gain acceptance of drum and bass to the locals.

With the sounds of drum and bass being so progressive, it has created an elitist following of musical connoisseurs. Through the fast paced and up front sound of the genre, many people do not understand the music when it is placed outside of its cultural context. Therefore it takes a very unique kind of musical taste.

On The Beat



Brent Crampton

up as much as Emmie would like to have seen. When it comes to Omaha, the "O!" market campaign stands for zero drum and bass representation in the area. Interestingly enough, through a rapid rise in popularity of the sound in the area in the mid-90s, one could find over half of the electronic DJs spinning drum and bass. DJs like Superstar DJ Lee or FTS were laying down the harder sounds of drum and bass. As time progressed, many have now moved onto more widely accepted forms of electronic music such as house, trance or techno. But Emmie has stuck with it all along. And these days, drum and bass is rarely being played at any music venue in Omaha.

In an effort to change the tide, Emmie has taken on a new project, Decibel. Right now, the only place in Omaha to check out drum and bass is at this monthly event, named Decibel. Starting March 9, Club 415 (415 S. 13th St.) in the Old Market will be the exclusive spot for the elitist sound on the second Wednesday of every month from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cymbalism Recordings is hosting the night with resident DJs, Plan 9 and +One. Special guest slots will go to DJs Dexotrim, Mingus, THC and Austin Tacious. Cymbalism Recordings will be giving away free mix CDs, gear and vinyl.

This monthly event is targeted at turning new people onto the music while also providing a spot for drum and bass advocates. For updates on the event, check out www.cymbalismrecordings.com.

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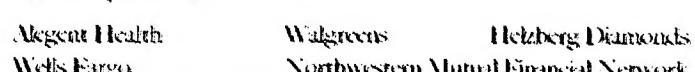
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Maverick men clinch back-to-back conference titles

CHRISTEN HARRINGTON
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Head Coach Kevin McKenna had plenty to cheer about over the weekend after his No. 11 Maverick men's basketball team beat Minnesota-Duluth and No. 14 Minnesota State-Mankato to win their second straight North Central Conference title.

The Mavericks made it their priority not to overlook Minnesota-Duluth, one of the worst teams in the NCC. UNO (23-4 overall, 9-3 NCC) cruised through Minnesota-Duluth, beating them 84-73 Thursday night. The Mavs had four of their players score in double-digits. Senior Abdul Mills led UNO with 14 points, Randy Bland contributed 12, Calvin Kapels scored 11 and Denny Johnston added 10.

"We knew going into the game that they were going to be ready for us, considering that we beat them by a big margin a week ago, so we knew we had to take care of business," Kapels said.

Minnesota State-Mankato did UNO a favor by beating North Dakota Thursday, the only team that had a tiebreaker advantage over the Mavericks, who now enter the conference tournament as the top seed. With the win over Minnesota-Duluth, the Mavs are the number one seed in the tournament, they clinched a share of the NCC title and will host the semifinals and finals at Sapp Fieldhouse. After the victory over Minnesota-Duluth there was speculation of the Mavericks having to share the NCC title with two other teams if they were to lose at Minnesota State-Mankato.

"After beating Minnesota-Duluth, told our guys going into the game against Mankato that we want to be selfish and not share the conference title with anyone," McKenna said.

McKenna knew winning at Mankato wasn't going to be an easy task, considering that his team hasn't won there in four seasons. The Mankato fans were prepared for the Mavericks on Saturday, packing 4,004 people at the Bresnan Arena, the second largest crowd ever at the arena.

"Our guys feed off of that, knowing that it was their senior night and coming up with a victory at their home court would definitely give us great momentum heading into the tournament," Kapels said.

In a game that seemed to be a showcase put on by UNO's post players, Avery Jones and Ryan Curtis, the first

half had shot-clock problems, and the second half was full of foul calls.

"The first half was so physical, and in the second half the refs took control, making it a boring game," Kapels said.

With 47 seconds left to play in the second half, Jones made two key free-throw shots to tie the game at 65, and sent the game into overtime.

"It came natural, the game was on the line, I concentrated, didn't hear no crowd or noise, and made my two shots," Jones said.

With two Mankato starters out of the game due to fouls, UNO was at an advantage heading into overtime.

"They had three guys who were on fire, we made two of them foul out, which helped us statistically, Jones said. "I knew going into overtime, we had the advantage, and they wouldn't be able to put us away."

In the first overtime, Ryan Curtis stepped it up for UNO, dunking the ball and tying the game at 75 with six seconds left to play. In the second overtime, Curtis hit two key free-throws to put the Mavs up by six. Mankato still refused to lose with Luke Anderson hitting two 3-pointers to tie the game up at 88 with nine seconds left to play. On the incoming play Kapels took a jump shot and missed, but Jones was there to tip the ball back in and win the game for the Mavericks 90-88 in second overtime.

Five UNO Mavericks finished in double digits led by Curtis who had 25 points, Jones with 14, Mills with 12, Andre Tarpley with 11 and Kapels with 10.

"Our depth wore them down at the end of regulation. We had some chances and they had some chances, but our guys refused to be denied a victory. We won in a hard, physical-fought ball game," McKenna said.

After the game was over, there was shoving between Mankato players and UNO coaches as fans ran onto the floor.

"One of their players pushed our coach and being the team that we are, we got involved. It was unfortunate that the incident had to happen, but this is what you can expect out of an emotionally-charged game," Kapels said.

The Mavericks will have the early week off while the NCC tournament will start on Tuesday. The Mavericks will resume play Friday with the winner of the Minnesota State-Mankato and South Dakota game.

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Split enough to clinch home ice for hockey, first for Qwest era

BRIAN BRASHAW AND NATHAN LEETE
COPY EDITOR
SPORTS EDITOR

It wasn't ideal, but it was enough. UNO split a two-game series with Alaska-Fairbanks and got some help from an old rival, Bowling Green to secure home ice for the first round of the CCHA playoffs.

The Mavericks needed either a win or a Michigan State loss on the weekend to host the Qwest Center's first playoff games, and in the end they got both.

UNO played tennis with UAF Friday night trading goals back and forth before eventually falling 6-4. But Bowling Green's 2-1 win over Michigan State automatically put UNO in the top six, good for home ice.

Maverick captain Mike Lefley started things off well scoring the opening goal at 4:32 of the first period. Fairbanks then rattled off two straight, one by Ryan McLoed in the first and one by Aaron Lee in the second, to take the 2-1 lead.

Bryan Marshall answered back with a tying goal late in the second, but Fairbanks

took the game over in the third.

In a span of 15 minutes of the third, six goals found the net with the Nanooks rattling off the first three. Those goals put UNO in a 5-2 hole that just couldn't get out of, despite their best efforts.

Goals by Brent Kisio and Alex Nikiforuk brought UNO to 5-4 but a Lucas Burnett goal for the Nanooks sealed the 6-4 win.



Michelle Bishop

Mike Lefley watches as his shot flies into the net past the Alaska Fairbanks goalie, Ryan Comeau during Friday night's game.

After losing three straight at home, the Mavericks were determined to redeem themselves Saturday night. They did so in style using a huge third period and a Bryan Marshall hat trick to thrash the Nanooks 7-2.

"It felt good," Holt said. "They're a hard working team, and tonight we just outworked them. It's for real now. It's playoff time."

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Mavericks take second at NCC indoor track championships

THOMAS LAMAY
STAFF WRITER

Strong efforts and peak performances by many UNO athletes were not enough to clinch the North Central Conference crown at the NCC Indoor Track and Field Championships over the weekend. Several Mavericks came home with individual honors, however South Dakota edged the Mavs out of first place by 26 points, 203-177. North Dakota got third with 100.

Without any throwers competing, the Mavericks were put at a disadvantage to the larger USD team, who earned 39 points in both the shot put and weight throw events.

The second place finish is the highest place a Maverick team has finished since 2002, when the Mavericks went on to finish 12th at nationals. This year the Mavericks can still hold their heads high, with winning performances by Anastasia Kyvelidou, Laverne Monger, and the 1600-meter relay team.

On Friday, the Mavs got out to an early lead after five events. Foluso Makinde took home an NCC title in the long jump. Her leap of 19 feet 10 3/4 inches gave the Mavericks 10 points in the team standings. Makinde wasn't the only Maverick on the winning podium, with Anastasia Kyvelidou, Debbie Ackerly, and Taira Baker placing second, third, and sixth respectively. Makinde may have also jumped herself into second in the national standings, edging out Candice Perry of Southern Indiana. The long jump competition at nationals will now be a shootout between UNO teammates.

Kyvelidou fittingly won the pentathlon. The Greek athlete finished the five-event competition with a score of 3,920 points. Her toughest competition was once again her teammate, Debbie Ackerly who finished second with a score of 3,468.

Saturday's competition was a true battle between UNO and USD. Once again, the Mavericks showed off their superior jumping abilities, taking first, second and third place. Kyvelidou, Ackerly, and Baker all put up another 24 points in the team score.

Senior Molly Miller finished her indoor career in the 3000-meter race at UNO, taking third place. Magda Orzylowski finished third in the 500-meter run.

Things really began to heat up inside the DakotaDome for the Mavericks as the sprinting finals got underway. Kyvelidou, who earlier had won the triple jump, went on to win the 60-meter hurdles, in 8.73 seconds. UNO swept the 60-meter dash with Monger, Ackerly and Makinde taking first, second and third.

As coaches and officials were tallying up the scores, the final event of the day grew near. UNO needed more points than they could gain in a single event to win the NCC team title. Nonetheless, the women's 1600-meter relay team took home a championship of their own, winning the race in 3:57.86. The Maverick team now sets their sights on an outdoor title, which will be held near their home turf, at Omaha Burke High School's Stadium May 13-14. A number of Mavericks will be heading to the NCAA Division II Championships in Boston, Mass. March 11-12.

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Mav Notes

NATHAN LEETE
SPORTS EDITOR

Mavs open season on the right foot

UNO's baseball team started the season off on Wednesday, splitting a double header with Missouri Western. Lyle Lafountain's RBI single in the fifth inning scored Kevin Whitman for the go ahead run, winning the game 4-3. In the second game the Griffons came out firing, putting up six runs in the first inning. The Mavs tried to rally, but the Griffons held them at bay to record an 11-6 victory.

Thursday the Mavs dropped 7-4 to Central Missouri, despite having five hits in the top of the first inning.

Saturday the Mavs picked up two wins against Winona State and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. In game one the Mavs recorded an 8-4 win over Winona State. Troy Cloyd hit for the cycle in game one, then took the mound, pitching a complete game against Southern Illinois in a 3-2 victory.

Mavericks drop two early, rally to win next three

The UNO softball team traveled to Kennesaw, Ga. this weekend to start their season at the Owl Classic. After dropping two close games to the No. 5 and No. 2 teams in the country, they outscored their next three opponents 14-4 to post a 3-2 record for the tournament.

The Mavs had some troubles getting the bat on the ball in the opening game of the tournament on Friday, only recording three hits against Northern Kentucky. Shilo Jorgensen's solo homer was the only run recorded in their 3-1 opening round loss.

Cayne Billman had the Mavs only hit in

the 2-0 loss against Kennesaw State in game two.

UNO exploded against Southern Indiana in game three. The Mavs connected on 11 hits in an 8-1 victory.

UNO had another two close games on Saturday. Cheris Kuster carried a no-hitter and a 1-0 lead into the top of the seventh inning against Lenoire-Rhyne. Kuster allowed one hit in the bottom of the seventh to hold a 2-0 win.

In the final game of the tournament the Mavs carried a 2-0 lead into the fifth when Wayne State (Mich.) fought back to post three runs on the board. However, the Mavs would not let the lead stand. In the bottom of the eighth, McArthur tied the game at three. Then Billman batted in shortstop Nicole Vos to give the Mavs a 4-3 edge and improve their record to 1-1 on the mound.

UNO women drop 78-70 against Minnesota State-Mankato

Chelsie Groslie's 3-pointer with 1:1 left to play pulled the Mavs within one point of Minnesota State Friday night. MSU answered by going on a seven point run to take the win and fifth place in the North Central Conference final regular season standings.

The Mavs had a 39-38 lead going into the locker room at halftime, and lead by just seven in the first part of the second half. MSU took a 54-50 lead with 12 minutes left in the game after a 10-point run. From that point on there were several lead changes and a tie at 67 with two minutes left to play. Unfortunately, Groslie's 3-pointer was the last field goal the Mavs would score. UNO will now play at Augustana in the first round of the NCC playoffs.

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The first period was about as close as you can possibly hope for. The Mavs only had one more attempted shot than the Nanooks and the period ended tied 1-1.

UNO came out hot with Thomas scoring on a shorthander 2:15 into the second period, setting a new school record for team shorthanders in a season. Marshall scored his first goal of the night on a power play 5:59 into the period amidst a score of other Mavs surrounding the goal. The Nanooks brought the game within one on a five-on-three power play before the period ended.

UNO firmly nailed the Nanooks coffin shut in the third. Marshall, Hacker, and Nikiforuk all added goals. The Mavs looked to have the game won with a sound score 6-2 when, with one point seven seconds left in the game, Marshall struck again, recording the hat trick.

"This is a good stepping stone to lunge into the playoffs."

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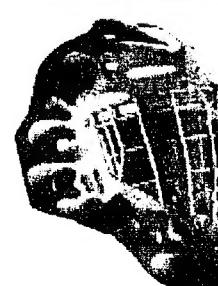
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1:30 am Library Book Club
pm Theta Chi
4:40 pm Muslim Student Association
pm Enrichment & Mentoring Program
pm Delta Epsilon Chi
pm Sigma Kappa
3:30 pm Sigma Kappa
pm Alpha Xi Delta
pm Alpha Xi Delta
pm Security Meeting
3:30 pm Jazz Band Concert
pm Lambda Theta Nu
pm Greek Endeavor
pm Omicron Delta Kappa

Wed., March 2nd

:30 am Academic & Student Affairs
am Sigma Kappa
1 am Big 12 Conference Report
1 am Cultural Fair
1:30 am University Honors Committee
2 noon ALAS
2 noon Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance
2 noon Emerging Leaders
2 noon BEEP
:30 pm MPA Committee

2 pm Parking Advisory Meeting
5 pm Sigma Kappa
7:30 pm ROSAS

Thurs., March 3rd

9 am Sigma Kappa
9 am Maintenance & Utility Staff Meeting
9:30 am Career Exploration
9:30 am Performance Evaluation
10 am Consider This . . .
11 am Cultural Fair
11:30 am Peace Corps Luncheon
12 noon Impact
12 noon ABC Soup
4 pm SHAC
5 pm Air Force ROTC
5:30 pm Delta Sigma Pi
6 pm Delta Sigma Pi
7 pm Zeta Phi Beta
7 pm Student Government

Fri., March 4th

9 am Sigma Kappa
9:30 am Sigma Kappa
11:30 am Interfraternity Council
12 noon AA
2 pm International Programs
2 pm Pen & Sword
5:45 pm Model United Nations

6 pm Americans for Informed Democracy
6:30 pm Christ on Campus

Sat., March 5th

8 am Living H 2 O
9 am Sigma Kappa
11 am Chi Omega
3 pm Omega Psi Phi
6 pm International Banquet
9 pm International Dance

Sun., March 6th

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5 pm Lambda Chi Alpha
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6 pm Student Gaming Org.
6 pm Sigma Lambda Beta
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Mon., March 7th

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The Battle at Fort Omaha is an attempt to popularize the area's hip-hop scene, give local talent a chance to get their names out there, and allow the community to voice who is number one!

"It's something we hope to continue," Stephens says. "This could turn into an annual event."

Material can be sent to J. Stephens Music at PO Box 516, Omaha, NE 68601. Emcees, DJs, and producers can contact battleatfortomaha@jstephensmusic.com or 402-551-5575.

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you need to consider is that reception halls and churches book up fast, so you need to plan ahead.

This brings me to the second thing you need to do, which is to start looking at reception halls. There are many great places to have a reception here in Omaha. Now, along with this step, you also need to have a good idea about how many guests will be invited to the wedding.

A few things to consider before you check out halls. First, you need to know if they allow outside caterers to come in or if they have an exclusive caterer. Another thing to consider is, if a Friday or Saturday wedding doesn't matter to you, check both nightly rates. Often times, Friday weddings are cheaper.

Finally, the third step - looking at churches. If you don't specifically have a church that you belong to, there are many beautiful churches in Omaha. If you have someone that you want to marry you, some churches that will let you bring outside pastors in to do the ceremony. One thing to keep in mind when selecting a church is that a lot of churches require either you or your finance to be a member. Along with being a member most churches also require couples to take some kind of marriage classes.

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